

## Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes September 11, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Tuesday, September 11, at 7:00 PM in the Gordon Municipal Building. Council present: Richard Babb, Shannon Dumboski, Todd Houser, Tracy Hughes, Richard Korn and Jason Quick. Also, present were Mayor George Brocious and Solicitor Christopher Riedlinger, Esq. Council member Jeffrey Hoffman was not present. Citizens present included: Rich Harris, Leo Rauber and Lynn Korn.

President Todd Houser called the meeting to order, confirmed a quorum by roll call, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Also, there was a moment of silence for the victims of 9/11.

Public comment – Leo Rauber questioned the cost of \$35,000.00 to have police service from Butler Township. It was pointed out that having this serviced provides a quick response time compared to calling the State Police. Discussion continued among the members as to whether a feasibility study should be done as far as having their own police force. Also, it was decided to speak to Butler Township to try and get more visibility of the police in town.

Lynn Korn questioned whether fireworks are permitted in town. Todd Houser said that maybe it should be required to have a permit for fireworks. She also suggested that the Borough use Eagle Scouts for some of the projects at the park.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of August 14, 2018 as presented by the secretary.

Motion: Richard Babb Second: Tracy Hughes

The treasurer gave the financial report for the month of August. The Borough received income of \$17,755.92, had expenses of \$23,044.90 which left a deficit of \$5,288.98. As of August 31, 2018 the General Account Balance was \$67,115.55 and the Motor Licensing Fund balance was \$71,594.14. A motion was made to accept the Financial Report for August.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

Mayor George Brocious gave the police report for August. Butler Township Police handled 17 calls and complaints. For the Fire Company Report he stated that the chicken barbeque and the boot drive were a success.

Code Officer Richard Harris reported that he looked at 17 properties for weeds, garbage, and junk cars. There were also cars on the street that he was going to have Chief Tarantelli look at. When the question of whether people could be cited for junk cars on their property it was noted that Section 302.8 of the property maintenance code deals with this issue.

Solicitor Christopher Reidlinger reported that a bid of \$162.75 was submitted on the sale of Tax Parcel # 46-02-0001, 0 Hobart Street. He noted that it may be a while before we hear anything on the bid.

Old Business: the subject of a one-time payment to Jason Quick's retirement fund was revisited. The payment was calculated at \$1962.00. This was to cover the fact that in the first year of the hiring agreement no payments were made to his account. A roll call was taken with Jason Quick abstaining.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn All in agreement but Shannon Dumboski who opposed the motion.

On the issue of the playground border, several bids were presented to the Council. President Todd Houser suggested that at this time they vote on a proposal of border for a 60 X 80 area at a cost of \$3,080.00.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn All in agreement but Shannon Dumboski who opposed the motion.

President Todd Houser also asked the Council for approval to redesign the Borough website at a cost of \$125.00.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Jason Quick

Jason Quick reported that the West Plane Street drainage Project is complete and he is waiting for some invoices to come in before contacting John Davis to come in and close the project. He also thanked Richard Babb for his help during the flooding. He was hoping to have the line painting done the week of September 17<sup>th</sup>. He is working on updating the emergency phone list and asked that if the other council members know phone numbers of residents that are missing from the list please let him know. Mr. Quick also reported that he had inmates from the Schuylkill County Prison in on September 6 for cleanup at the park and they will be back in November for work on a drain. Also, potholes on Grosser Street have been repaired.

President Houser also updated the Council on the fact that they received information from the County that the floodplain Maps are being reassessed and properties in Borough of Gordon will be affected by the changes. There will be a meeting on September 17, 2018 by the County giving more information and Operations Manager, Jason Quick, will be attending.

Public Comment – None

The next meeting will be held on October 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Gordon Borough Municipal Building.

Motion to Adjourn: Richard Korn Seconded: Tracy Hughes

\*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer October 9, 2018